

NEWS RELEASE

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BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING SCHEDULES HEARING

The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will meet in regular session on Wednesday, January 26, 2005, in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The meeting will begin a 9:00 a.m. with an informal briefing session and the formal agenda will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Among the items to be discussed during the informal briefing session are an update on submissions for 2005 Earth Day Awards and a legislative update report. A working luncheon will also be held at which the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining will provide a year-end annual review.

AGENDA

1. Docket No. 2004-018, Cause Nos. DAR 27454-27458 - In the Matter of Formal Rulemaking to Amend the Minerals Regulatory Program Rules at Utah Administrative Code R647-1 (Minerals Regulatory Program), R647-2 (Exploration), R647-3 (Small Mining Operations), R647-4 (Large Mining Operations), and R647-5 (Administrative Procedures).

*The Board will consider proposed rulemaking which was open for public comment between 10/15/04 and 11/16/04; no public comment will be received at this time.*

2. Docket No. 2004-017, Cause No. 102-80 - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of GENERAL MINERALS CORPORATION for an Order Approving an Enhanced Recovery Project by Waterflood, Gas Flood, and Water or Gas Injection in the Cisco Springs Unit, in Section 10 (Amended from Sections 9-11 and 14-15), Township 20 South, Range 23 East, SLM, Grand County, Utah, in Accordance with Utah Code Ann. Sec. 40-6-7 and 40-6-8; and Approving of Unitization of the Oil and Gas Formations; Unitization of the Oil and Gas Interests; and for Authority for Underground Injection of Fluids.

*This matter was continued from December.*

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3. Docket No. 2004-020, Cause No. 236-03 - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of MAR/REG OIL COMPANY for an Order Approving an Enhanced Recovery Project by Waterflood and Water Injection in the East Brennan Bottom Unit in Portions of Sections 16, 17, 20 and 21, Township 7 South, Range 21 East, SLM, Uintah County, Utah, in Accordance with Utah Code Ann. Sec. 40-6-7 and 40-6-8; and Approving of Unitization of the Oil and Gas Formations; Unitization of the Oil and Gas Interests; and for Authority for Underground Injection of Fluids.

*Continued to February 23 Board Hearing.*

4. Docket No. 2004-022, Cause No. M/045/017 - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action by BARRICK RESOURCES (USA) and Barrick Gold Corporation, Requesting Partial Release of Surety for Mining and Reclamation Plan M/045/017, Tooele County, Utah.

*This matter was continued from December.*

5. Docket No. 2005-001, Cause No. 243-09 - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of CONOCO-PHILLIPS COMPANY for an Order Establishing 160 Acre Drilling and Spacing Units for the Production of Gas (Including Coalbed Methane) from the Ferron Formation in Portions of Sections 20, 27, 28, 29, 33 and 34 of Township 14 South, Range 10 East, SLM, Carbon County, Utah.

*This is a routine request to establish drilling and spacing units.*

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